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Subject: S. 2239 and State's gratuitive comments
on funding of foreign elections

1. Received a call from Bill McAfee at State who had Bill Nelson's memo to Joe Sisko in hand. Since the memo is classified, he did not refer directly to its contents. He said his legislative people, Marshall Wright, replied to Rodino through OMB without clearing through his people. He asked that I tell you, George, that he shares your concern and that he will be in touch with Bill Nelson at some point.

2. He is concerned lest their memo cause broader restriction in legislation, but he feels also that to go directly to the Hill may bring undue attention to their letter. His present course of action, unless we have another suggestion, was to try to get Justice to be firm in their comments along with the Agency's response on the bill, and hope that the two would overcome the prior message from State. If we would like a different course of action, he would be agreeable.



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